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Sec.I, Cr. & Spl. Br. 7 April, 1943.

Efron G.A. - Application for Firearm Licence.

EFRON Gersh Abramovich, Russian emigrant of Jewish origin, married, jeweller and watchmaker by profession, born on 4.5.1888 in Vilna, Lituania(formerly Russian territory). According to his statement, he left Russia (Vladivostok) in 1919, and proceeded to Japan and was living in Yokohama for about one year, undergoing medical treatment, after being seriously wounded during the civil war in Russia.

In 1920, he arrived in Shanghai and for a short period worked as watch repairer at Beyer & Bennett Ltd, Nanking Rd, Shanghai.

In 1922 he has opened his own jewellery shop in Shanghai, Mingheng Rd and latter at Palace Hotel.

In 1937 after the outbreak of the hostilities in Shanghai he liquidated his shop on Mingheng Rd, and since that time operating only one shop at Palace Hotel.

He visited on many occasions Chefoo, usually during the summer, when American Navy was stationed there and operated temporary business there selling stones etc. to American sailors.

In 1938 he made a trip to U.S.A. as he stated, for medical treatment, returning to Shanghai in 1939.

He is duly registered with the Russian Emigrants' Committee and resides with his wife at Apt.304 Embankment Bldg. N.Szechew Rd.

However enquiries shews, that the statement of Mr.Efron, re. his movements, is very doubtful.

According to Municipal Police records Mr.Efron mentioned as suspected swindler, jewel smuggler and fence

In 1921 he was imprisoned in Harbin (charge not mentioned). In March 1921 he was detained by Russian Vice-Consul in Shanghai, on charge of Fraud and appropriation of a diamond ring, the property of Mrs.Sterliadkin. On 24.7.20, arrested for Fraud in Tientsin. Released on security, to report himself to Russian Consulate in Tientsin.

Detained in Chefoo on 3.6.35,, on suspicion of being concerned in the "Bennet Frolks" Robbery, when he was found in possession of 2 packages of jewellery, which later were found to have been smuggled on his behalf to Chefoo on an American ship. These jewels were proved to have no connection with the above case and were afterwards handed over to Customs.

On 25.8.40, Complt. Gus.J.La Rella, American seaman, accused Efren, for selling him one brass ring, one pr. of cufflinks and 1 pr. of earrings, as genuine solid gold, with intent to defraud Complt., well knowing that the Complt. was a seaman passing through S'hai and was not expected to report the matter to the Police. (Central F.I.R.2669/40). As Complt. was sailing from Shanghai and Efren was located by the Police after Complainant's departure from S'hai and denied charge, the case was postponed until Complt.'s next visit to Shanghai, moreover there was not sufficient evidence to charge Efren with Fraud. Later rong etc, were handed over to American shipping office, as was requested by them, as Complainant was not expected to visit S'hai again.

The required application for Firearm License, is needed only for jewellery-shop protection. Applicant does not keep any jewels at his residence and on leaving his shop locked his pistol in the safe at the shop and never carried pistol with him.

Ffren's jewellery shop located at the Palace Hotel, 23 Nanking Rd, occupying part of the room on the ground floor of Hotel (between the lobby and lunch room) Palace Hotel has one Russian Police (armed) watchman and number private watchmen on duty and it is very doubtful that any robbery attempt may be made on the shop in Hotel.

俄僑委員會

РУССКІЙ ЭМИГРАНТСКІЙ КОМИТЕТЪ

RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS' COMMITTEE

HOUSE No. 1.
LANE 118, MOULMEIN ROAD
TEL. 36913.

Shanghai, 20th January 1939

C E R T I F I C A T E .

This Certificate of Identity is issued to Mr. George A. Efron, a former Russian subject, born at Vilno, Russia, now in Poland, in the year 1888, residing at present in Shanghai and registered at this Committee.

Mr. George A. Efron, merchant, intends now to proceed to Italy and Belgium via America and is returning back to Shanghai.

(Ch.Metzler)
Chairman.

Mr. George A. Efron

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中華民國特派駐滬俄僑事務局

Bureau for Russian Affairs.

БЮРО ПО РУССКИМЪ ДѢЛАМЪ.

Г. Шанхай.

C. I. D.
I. C. REG
No. 4341
Date. 31/1/22

To the Commissioner of Police.

Shanghai.-

17-th January 1922.

№ 75.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the letter of the 14-th of August 1920 sub No.1373 and in reply to yours of the 7-th inst., re the documents of a prisoner bearing the name of Efron, I beg to inform you that these documents are sent by me to Harbin to the Chief of the Special District Prison of the Eastern Provinces. I may add that Efron never applied to me or to this Bureau with the request to deliver these documents to him.-

Yours faithfully

For Deputy Commissioner
for Russian Affairs.

P.C.I.
for information.

C. I. D.
I. O. REG
No. 4341
Date 9/1/22.

January 7, 1

Mr. N. . Ivanoff,

Acting Deputy Commissioner,

Chinese Con[illegible] Office,

Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I attach herewith a letter received from the Chief of the Special District prison of the Eastern Province wherein he refers to certain documents belonging to a prisoner bearing the name of Yfron and requests that they be sent to him in order that they may be delivered to their owner.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner of Police.

Form No. 2
G. 12000-1-21.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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9/1/22

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

January 7 1922

REPORT ON Documents belonging to Girsh Abramovitch Efron in possession of Mr. Ivanoff

Made by D.S.I. Kay *Forwarded by* J.W. Gwiers

Sir,

Mr. Ivanoff states he is in possession of the documents mentioned in attached letter belonging to Girsh Abramovitch Efron but that the latter has never made any request for their return. He, Mr. Ivanoff, requests that the Commissioner of Police write to him forwarding the letter from the Chief of the Prison of the Special District, Eastern Provinces, when he will forward the documents to the latter, for transmission to Efron.

The statement in attached letter to the effect that it was in March 1921 that Efron was before Mr. Ivanoff is incorrect, as it will be seen from the attached correspondence that this occurred in July 1920.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W.H. Kay
D. S. I.

D. C. I.

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

Chief of the Prison
of the Special District
Eastern Provinces.

No. 1993.

Prison.

Harbin, December 30, 1921. 90.

To the Shanghai Municipal
Police Administration.

A prisoner in my charge named Girsh Abramovitch Efron has informed me, that in March 1921 when he was detained by the Russian Vice Consul in Shanghai, Mr. Ivanoff, on a charge of fraud and appropriating diamond earings belonging to Mr. Sterliadkin, the above named Vice-Consul seized the following documents belonging to Efron:

A foreign passport No.53, issued by the Omsk District administration in 1918.

A professional certificate issued in the same year by the Omsk Town Council.

A certificate to the effect that he had been wounded, issued by the Omsk Red Cross Hospital.

He requests that these documents be sent to him.

I beg that the Police Administration will obtain from the former Russian Vice Consulate the documents mentioned and send them to me in order that I can hand them over to Efron.

In addition I should state that Efron has on several occasions made requests to the Vice Consul for the documents, but the latter has given no reply.

Chief of the Prison
of Special District Eastern
Provinces (signed)
Masgovoi

Secretary (signature)

Shanghai, 28th February 1921.

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9/1/22

Sir,

With reference to my letters of July 22nd and August 14th 1920, sub Nos. 2773 and 3171, concerning the detention of the Russian Citizen G.A.Efron, charged with fraud by the Russian Citizen Mr.N.A.Sterliadkin, I would be much obliged if the Police could assist Mr.Sterliadkin to arrest G.A.Efron, who is residing now in Shanghai.

The photo of G.A.Efron is herewith attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

N. Gross.

D. I. Reeves.
For attention
28/2/21. J.B. for D.C.I.

"Lorio"

Captain K.J.MacEuen,
Commissioner of Police.

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I. O. REG
No. 4341
Date 9/1/22

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CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. 8260/3
21. 8. 22.

August 31st 20

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, Reference No.5173 requesting information regarding G.A. Efron, I have the honour to inform you that according to information received G.A. Efron is evidently in Tsingtao. How he left Shanghai is not known, as his name cannot be found in the passenger list at the Shipping Offices. He left his lodgings at 72 Bubbling Well Road on the 1st instant. He engaged a carriage and gave the mafoo instructions to take him to the Wayside wharf but as no ship left from the wharf on that day or the following day evidently this was done to cover his tracks. It is believed that he left Shanghai by train.

As requested by you I have the honour to enclose herewith six copies of the photograph of G.A. Efron.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Commissioner of Police.

V. Grosse, Esq.,
Consul General for Russia,
Shanghai.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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9/1/22

Hongkew Police Station.

August 21st 1920.

REPORT ON G.A.Efron.

Made by D.S.Schmidt. Forwarded by

Sir,

I beg to report, that the above named is evidently in Tsingtau, according to information received. How he left Shanghai is not known, as his name cannot be found in the passenger list at the shipping offices. Apparently he travelled under a assumed name, as his passport is still at the Consulate. G.A.Efron left his lodgings at 72 Bubbling Well Road, on the 1st inst. He engaged a carriage, and gave the mafoo instructions to take him to the Wayside wharf, but as no ship left from that wharf, on that day or the following day, so evidently it was done to cover his tracks. My belief is, that he left Shanghai by train.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant
H. J. Schmidt
Det.Sergt.113.

Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Seen by D. I. Kenny

Россійское
ГЕНЕРАЛЬНОЕ КОНСУЛЬСТВО
Въ Шанхаѣ

August 13th, 1920.

No. [redacted]

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9/1/22

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. 8260/2
DATE 16 8 20

To the Commissioner of Police.

Shanghai.-

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 22nd of July, 1920, sub No 2773 on the subject of an arrest of the Russian citizen G. A. Efron, I have the honour to inform you that the above named Russian citizen was duly brought before the judge on the 24th of July, 1920. He delivered all his documents to the Court and gave an undertaking in writing not to leave his premises, No 72 Bubbling Well Road, Room 8, without permission of the Court.- It appears now that he has left said premises on or about the first of August for an unknown destination.-

In consequence of the above I have the honour to request that you will kindly verify the information received and, if possible, ascertain on which steamer Efron has left the Port.- Further I beg to request that you will order for my account six more photos of G. A. Efron.-

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Consul-General for Russia.-

4/D.C.I.
For attention please (1) & (2).
16/8/20.

(2). 4/D.C.I.
For attention herewith photos

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.
HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. 8760/1.
DATE 26. 7. 20

Hongkew Station.

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9/1/22

July 26th 1920.

REPORT ON Russian Court Proceedings re Trial Of G.A.Efron.

Made by D.S.Schmidt. *Forwarded by* a/ *Director of Criminal Intelligence.*

Sir,

I beg to report, that the above named has been released on security. He has to report, to the Russian Authorities at Tientsin for trial. It is alleged, that Efron had fraudulently obtained diamonds to the value of Yen 4000. from a Russian in Tientsin. Accused denies the charge.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. J. Schmidt

Det.Sergt. 113.

Director of Criminal Intelligence.

24/7/20

C.P 8260

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Hongkew Station.

July 23rd 1920.

REPORT ON Arrest of wanted Russian, named G.A.Efron.

Made by D.S.Schmidt. *Forwarded by* a/ Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

I beg to report, that the above named wanted Russian, was located and arrested in his rooms at 72 Bubbling Well Road, at 12.30 p.m. this date. The House mentioned is a boardinghouse owned by Mrs.Hendricksen. Prisoner will be taken before the Russian Court on the 24th inst. D.S.Conduit assisted me in making the arrest.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. J. Schmidt

Det.Sergt.113.

Director of Criminal Intelligence.

24/7/20.

Россійское
ЕНЕРАЛЬНОЕ КОНСУЛЬСТВО
Въ Шанхаѣ

22-nd July 1920.

No. [redacted]

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9/1/22

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.
HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY.
No. 8260
DATE 22.7.20

To the Commissioner of Police.

Shanghai.-

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will order the Police to arrest and bring before the Consular Court the Russian Citizen G.A.Efron charged with fraud. He has left Tientsin on or about the 12th inst. and it is said at present he is residing at the Palace Hotel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

V. Groves.

Consul General for Russia.

One enclosure.

C.I.D.
For attention please.
22/7/20

D. J. Schmidt
FOR Attention